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For: **MOTION IMAGE DECODING APPARATUS AND METHOD REDUCING ERROR ACCUMULATION AND HENCE IMAGE DEGRADATION**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached, together with a copy of a Japanese Office Action and English translation thereof.

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